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### THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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### WYOMING LIVESTOCK PRICES LOWER; WHEAT AT 4-YEAR HIGH

The *Index of Prices Received* by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during October was 135 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 4 points (3 percent) from September and down 9 points (6 percent) from October 2005. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 136, was down 5 points (4 percent) from September and down 11 points (7 percent) from October 2005. Livestock prices were down from last month except for sheep. All livestock prices were down from this time last year. Cow prices averaged \$1.50 below September and \$1.00 lower than October 2005. Steer and heifer prices were down \$2.00 from last month and down \$8.00 from last year's price. Calf prices were down \$4.00 from last month and \$2.00 lower than October 2005. Sheep prices were \$1.00 above September but \$6.40 below last year's price. Lamb prices were \$2.00 below last month and \$7.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 122, was up 3 points (3 percent) from September and up 17 points (16 percent) from last October. Prices for all crops were higher than last month except oats and dry beans which were unchanged. Prices were also higher than last year except oats which was unchanged. Corn was up 5 cents from September and up 10 cents from October 2005. Wheat was up 31 cents from September, up \$1.22 from last year, and the highest since October 2002. Dry beans were unchanged from September and up \$2.00 from last year. Alfalfa hay was up \$3.00 per ton from last month and \$17.00 per ton from last year. Other hay was also up \$3.00 from September and up \$17.00 from last year.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 117 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (2 percent) from September. The Crop Index was down 6 points (5 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, broilers, cattle, and tomatoes and higher prices for corn, wheat, turkeys, and milk.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, upland cotton, and sorghum grain.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 6 points (5 percent) from October 2005. The Crop Index, at 116, was up 13 points (13 percent) from last year, but the Livestock Index, at 117, was down 5 points (4 percent) from October 2005.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, OCTOBER 2005, SEPTEMBER 2006, AND OCTOBER 15, 2006 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		OCT 2005	SEPT 2006	OCT 15 2006	OCT 2005	SEPT 2006	OCT 15 2006	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	50.50	51.00	49.50	46.60	47.10	46.00	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	120.00	114.00	112.00	96.10	95.80	94.40	—
Calves	100#	140.00	142.00	138.00	135.00	135.00	131.00	49
Sheep	100#	43.40	36.00	37.00	43.60	31.70	1/	—
Lambs	100#	120.00	115.00	113.00	108.00	98.50	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.45	2.50	2.55	1.82	2.20	2.72	35
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.59	1.70	1.83	43
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.49	1.92	2.30	1.81	2.33	2.77	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.21	4.12	4.43	3.43	4.06	4.65	45
Dry Beans	100#	18.00	20.00	20.00	18.80	18.80	19.90	37
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	74.00	88.00	91.00	105.00	112.00	112.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	71.00	85.00	88.00	79.00	93.00	93.80	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

2/Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

### INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	OCT 2005	SEPT 2006	OCT 15 2006	OCT 2005	SEPT 2006	OCT 15 2006
<b>All Commodities</b>	144	139	135	111	119	117
<b>All Crops</b>	105	119	122	103	122	116
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	147	141	136	122	117	117

## WYOMING AVERAGE SUGARBEET YIELD LOWER RECORD LARGE U.S. BEET PRODUCTION FORECAST

**WYOMING:** The November 1 forecast for Wyoming's sugarbeet crop indicates production will be up 1 percent from last year due to more planted and harvested acres. Average yield per acre is down 2.4 tons from last year.

**Sugarbeet** growers intend to harvest 40,800 acres this year, up 4,900 acres from last year, and up 5,200 acres from 2004. This is the largest harvested acreage since 2000. Yield is expected to average 19.9 tons per acre, down 1.6 tons from the October 1 forecast and down 2.4 tons from 2005. Total production in 2006 is expected to be 812,000 tons, up 1 percent from 2005 and unchanged from 2004

**United States: Corn for grain** production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down 1 percent from October and 3 percent lower than 2005. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 151.2 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from October but 3.3 bushels higher than last year. If realized, the average yield would be the second largest on record behind 2004.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast a record high at 33.6 million tons, 2 percent above the October forecast and 22 percent above last year's production. The yield is forecast at a record high 25.8 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from October and 3.6 tons above 2005. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.31 million acres, 3 percent below last month but 5 percent above last year.

### ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2005; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND NOVEMBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2006

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	Nov 2006	2005	Nov 2006	2005	Nov 2006	06/05 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
<b>WYOMING</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	85	49	55	140.0	2/	6,860	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	160	150	145	135	30.0	27.0	4,350	3,645	84%
Other Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	9	8	7	6	45.0	39.0	315	234	74%
Oats (bu) 3/	55	48	12	12	50.0	57.0	600	684	114%
Barley (bu) 3/	75	70	60	57	93.0	83.0	5,580	4,731	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.2	42.8	35.9	40.8	22.3	19.9	801	812	101%
Dry Beans (cwt) 4/	34.0	29.0	33.0	27.0	23.5	22.0	776	594	77%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	600	600	2.50	2.40	1,500	1,440	96%
Other Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	540	510	1.30	1.10	702	561	80%
All Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	1,140	1,110	1.93	1.80	2,202	2,001	91%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	81,759	78,561	75,107	71,047	147.9	151.2	11,112,072	10,744,806	97%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	40,433	40,575	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081	87%
Other Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	14,036	14,899	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480	91%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,246	4,168	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764	82%
Barley (bu) 3/	3,875	3,452	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,299.8	1,362.8	1,242.9	1,305.9	22.2	25.8	27,537	33,627	122%
Dry Beans (cwt) 4/	1,665.0	1,648.8	1,568.6	1,562.4	17.44	15.23	27,350	23,800	87%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	22,389	22,407	3.38	3.33	75,771	74,527	98%
Other Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511	97%
All Hay (tons) 4/	—	—	61,649	62,697	2.44	2.35	150,590	147,038	98%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 12, 2007.

3/Year-end estimates.

4/Forecasts carried forward from October 1.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005 and 8 percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, up 16 percent from 2005.

**Placements** in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 412,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 percent above 2004.

### CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER, 2005-2006 1/

State	On Feed	Place-	Market-	Other	On Feed	On Feed
	Sept 1, 2006	ments Sept 2006	ings Sept 2006	Disapp. Sept2006	Oct 1, 2006	Oct 1, 2005
Thousand Head						
CO	960	245	140	5	1,060	900
KS	2,390	500	420	20	2,450	2,250
NE	2,050	500	320	10	2,220	1,940
TX	2,960	495	510	15	2,930	2,830
Oth						
Sts.	2,626	492	375	18	2,725	2,562
U.S.	10,986	2,232	1,765	68	11,385	10,482

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

**WYOMING:** Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during September 2006 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 44 percent from the previous month and 8 percent below September 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in September, down 100 from last year. Total live weight was 602,000 pounds, down 10 percent from September 2005. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,182 pounds, down 12 pounds from last year.

A total of 500 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, unchanged from last September. Total live weight, at 137,000 pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2005. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 265 pounds, down 5 pound from last year.

Two hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in September, unchanged from September 2005. Live weight totaled 25,000 pounds, up 1,000 pounds from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 142 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year earlier.

**Red Meat production** from January to September 2006 totaled 4.7 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period last year.

**United States:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up slightly from the previous year.

**Beef production**, at 2.16 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down slightly from September 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year to 1,282 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.74 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.83 million head, slightly below September 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 266 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.2 million pounds, was down 9 percent from September 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,100 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 6 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2006 commercial red meat production** was 35.2 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2005 AND 2006, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	% 06/05	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	% 06/05
			1,000 Pounds						1,000 Pounds	
Cattle	600	500	670	602	90	2,775,900	2,765,700	3,538,313	3,546,240	100
Hogs	500	500	145	137	94	8,871,100	8,833,000	2,348,822	2,351,899	100
Sheep & Lambs	200	200	24	25	104	231,100	219,100	31,088	28,233	91

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